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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: CA1140

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Appln. No.: 09/680,858

Group Art Unit: 1638

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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR PLANT GENETIC MODIFICATION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 24 October 2002, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of Claims 24 and 28-32 in view of the following amendments and remarks. The Applicants have filed a petition for a one-month extension of time and a timely response is now due on Monday 24 February 2003.

AMENDMENTIN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-23 and 25-27 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claim:

30. (Amended) A mutated plant microspore which comprises a genomic mutation wherein the genomic mutation was accomplished by introducing a mixed duplex oligonucleotides into the plant microspore.

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